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Where can I find information about asbestos removal or building demolition questions?	You can find the information in the SCAQMD asbestos web page located at: <a href="#"><u>Asbestos Removal &amp; Demolition</u></a>
Who can I call about asbestos removal or building demolition questions?	Call the SCAQMD: <b>Asbestos Hot Line at (909) 396-2336</b> Tuesday–Friday, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm For after-hours emergencies, call 1-800-CUT-SMOG. Leave a message stating the reason for the emergency and if you want an asbestos supervisor to respond to your call.
Do I need to have a survey prior to any demolition or renovation?  Do I need to have a survey before I send a notification to SCAQMD?	YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An asbestos survey report is required prior to <b>any</b> demolition and renovation. See <a href="#"><u>Rule 1403</u></a> (d)(1)(A)</li> </ul>
Who needs to file the Asbestos Removal or Demolition Notification form(s)?  Who should fill out the notification?	CONTRACTORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Contractor(s) that will remove asbestos and/or demolish the building.</li> <li><a href="#"><u>Notification Forms</u></a> should be completed, signed, paid, and mailed by the contractor performing the asbestos removal and/or demolition project. See <a href="#"><u>Notification Form Instructions</u></a></li> </ul>



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Are there exceptions to the Notification requirement?	<p>YES, only for asbestos removal notifications</p> <p>No notifications are required for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asbestos removals of less than 100 square feet.*</li> <li>Renovations with no asbestos. Renovation is defined in <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> (a)(34) and includes altering, retrofitting or remodeling a building in any way.</li> </ul> <p>* NOTE: <b>Other <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> requirements such as emissions controls, annual notification, and recordkeeping apply.</b> All demolitions require a notification.</p>
Are homeowners required to file a <a href="#">Notification Form</a> ?	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Only when the homeowner is performing the house demolition work himself and has not hired* a contractor</i></li> </ul> <p>NOTE: An asbestos survey report and asbestos removal is required prior to any demolition and other <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> requirements apply. <i>* Whenever a contractor participates in the demolition work, the contractor must submit a Demolition Notification.</i></p>
Are homeowners exempt from Rule 1403?	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This exemption applies only to the <b>legal</b> owner of the house who is a permanent resident of this house and it is personally performing this house renovation himself (not employing a contractor or laborer, and not being assisted by friends, family or anyone else). See <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> (j)(9)</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: <b>Other <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> requirements may apply.</b></p>



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I am a homeowner renovating my house, can I remove the asbestos myself from my house?	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>But only if you are the <b>legal</b> owner and a permanent resident of this house, and you are personally performing the asbestos removal (not employing a contractor or laborer, and not being help by friends, family or anyone else). See <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> (j)(9)</li></ul> <p><i>Due to health hazards and hazardous waste disposal requirements the SCAQMD does not recommend that homeowners remove asbestos.</i></p> <p>NOTE: <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> (f) <b>requirements apply for asbestos waste disposal.</b></p>
Where can I find the asbestos removal or demolition notification forms and fee information?	<p>At the SCAQMD <a href="#">Asbestos Removal &amp; Demolition</a> web page:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>See <a href="#">Notification Form</a></li><li>See notification <a href="#">Fee Information</a></li></ol>
Where do I send my completed notification form?	<p>SCAQMD Asbestos Notifications File #55641 Los Angeles, CA 90074-5641</p> <p>NOTE: Keep copies of your <a href="#">Notification Form</a> for your record, to post at the site, and to obtain a city demolition permit. See California Health and Safety Code <a href="#">19827.5</a></p>



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<b>Do I need an SCAQMD demolition permit or an asbestos permit?</b>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a permit, but the <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> regulation requires a <a href="#">Notification Form</a> to be submitted to SCAQMD 14 calendar days prior to any demolition or removal of more than 100 square feet of asbestos.</li> </ul>
<b>Are there due dates for the Notification and fee?</b>	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification and associated fee are due 14 calendar days <b>BEFORE</b> work starts.</li> </ul>
<b>How is the notification fee determined?</b>	<p>SIZE OF PROJECT IN SQUARE FEET (see <a href="#">Fee Information</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removals require a fee based on the amount of asbestos to be removed.</li> <li>Demolitions require a fee based on the size of the building being demolished.</li> <li>Refinery and/or chemical unit demolition fees are based on the size of the structure's footprint surface area.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the notification fees and where do I find them?</b>	<p>Fees are specified in SCAQMD <a href="#">Rule 301</a>, Table VI. They are usually updated annually as of July 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A summary of fee requirements is provided at <a href="#">Fee Information</a></li> </ul>
<b>Can I-hand carry my Notification to SCAQMD</b>	<p>SCAQMD strongly recommend that you mail the notifications to save time, money, reduce traffic and air pollution. However, you can drop the notification in the inbox labeled "Asbestos Notifications" located at the cashier's window in the lobby at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters.</p>



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Can I submit my notification without fees?	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notifications submitted without appropriate fees are deemed incomplete and will be returned to sender and referred to the Air Toxics Compliance Unit. See <a href="#">Rule 301</a> (o)</li> </ul>
Do I need to notify SCAQMD if I am doing building partition demolition?	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demolition and or removal of asbestos-free building partitions are exempt from notification. Renovations without asbestos do not require notification. See <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> (d)(1)(A) survey requirement.</li> </ul>
<p>What is the purpose of the 14 day waiting period?</p> <p>Why do I have to wait 14 calendar days?</p>	<p>INSPECTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow SCAQMD time to receive and verify the information submitted and inspect the site.</li> </ul>
When can I expect an inspector at my site before, or during abatement/demolition?	<p>ANY TIME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any time before, during, and/or after renovation/demolition completion, an inspector may visit your site.</li> <li>Inspectors verify compliance with asbestos removal procedures, and confirm that the asbestos was removed prior to demolition or renovation.</li> </ul>



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Do I have to notify for a demolition if there is no asbestos?	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All demolitions require notification to allow inspection and confirmation that there is no asbestos present in the building prior to demolition. See <a href="#">Rule 1403 (d)(1)(B)</a></li> </ul>
Do I have to notify for a demolition if I “know” or believe there is no asbestos?	<p>YES</p> <p>Although you may think the building is asbestos-free <a href="#">Rule 1403 (d)(1)(A)</a> requires an asbestos survey report prior to demolition to determine and verify the absence or presence of asbestos</p>
Can anybody remove asbestos from a building if there is less than 100 square feet of asbestos present?	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only asbestos removal contractors listed at <a href="#">The Cal-OSHA Asbestos Registration</a> are allowed to remove asbestos in the State of California.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: See FAQ regarding homeowner exemption <a href="#">Rule 1403 (j)(9)</a>.</p>
I am a contractor; can I remove asbestos if it is under 100 Sq Ft?	<p>NO</p> <p>Only asbestos removal contractors listed at <a href="#">The Cal-OSHA Asbestos Registration</a> are allowed to remove asbestos in the State of California.</p>
Do I have to remove non-friable asbestos before I can demolish a building?	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is required to remove <b>ALL</b> the asbestos prior to demolition to prevent non-friable materials being rendered friable during the demolition. See <a href="#">Rule 1403 (d)(1)(C)</a> requirement</li> </ul>



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Do you offer financial assistance for asbestos removal?	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There is no federal, state or local financial assistance for removing asbestos.</li></ul>
Is there any way I can do the demolition before the 14 calendar-day elapsed?	<p>NO, except that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Court-ordered demolitions with proof of a written court order, an asbestos survey report, and confirmation that all the asbestos was removed, may be allowed to submit an Ordered Demolition Notification. <b>Fax all the above paperwork to 909-396-3342 to obtain prior approval.</b></li></ul>
The Building and Safety Department told me I need to call you regarding the demolition permit. Is this true?	<p>YES</p> <p>California Health and Safety Code <a href="#">19827.5</a> prohibit cities to issue a demolition permit until you provide the city with a copy of the demolition notification you submitted to SCAQMD. <b>See the following questions for more details.</b></p>
Does SCAQMD send a letter to me or the city verifying that my notification has been received and my demolition permit can be issued?	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No SCAQMD verification is required per California Health and Safety Code <a href="#">19827.5</a> <b>but some cities require that you submit proof of notification to SCAQMD before they issue a renovation or demolition permit.</b></li><li>Upon request SCAQMD can provide you a printout of the notification computer tracking record that can serve as proof of notification.</li><li>You can also send the notification to SCAQMD via certified mail with return receipt request.</li></ul>



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<b>Was the use of asbestos banned?</b>	NO
<b>What year they banned asbestos?</b>	The EPA announced a phased-in ban of most asbestos products, but it was never implemented.
<b>My house was built in the 1980s or later and I know it has no asbestos.</b>	Asbestos has not been banned and still in use in other countries. However, in the USA insurance, finance and litigation has practically prevented the use of asbestos.  Regardless of the date of the building construction, and because of potential unknown renovations <a href="#">Rule 1403</a> (d)(1)(A) requires an asbestos survey report prior to demolition to determine and verify the absence or presence of asbestos